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UTAH STATE FIRE MANAGEMENT OFFICER ANNOUNCED

Utah State Forester Joel Frandsen has announced that Utah's new state fire management officer is Tracy Dunford, a 22-year veteran of the Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands.

Dunford will be responsible for coordination of statewide fire management programs including wildland fire suppression, preparedness, prevention and mitigation. He will also coordinate with local, county and federal fire agencies to set program goals and objectives, develop policy and monitor fire fighting activities and costs.

"This is a position that requires extensive knowledge of wildland fire fighting and the ability to coordinate resources on a statewide basis to protect Utahns from wildland fire," said Frandsen. "Tracy has that experience and we know that our wildland firefighting efforts are in good hands."

Dunford has served as the state's assistant fire management coordinator since 1999. Prior to that he was the field operations coordinator for the Lone Peak Conservation Camp that involved supervising fire suppression crews and ensuring they were properly trained and supplied. He has also worked as a seasonal ranger on the USFS Salmon National Forest and the Fishlake National Forest.

Dunford holds a BS degree from Utah State University. He graduated in 1984.

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